

the national exchequer and the O.N.G.C. has violated the practice of transparency in awarding the above contract;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective action/steps taken by the Government to prevent such misuse ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) ONGC awarded the contract to M/s Marubeni Corporation, Japan, which was the lowest evaluated offer, as per bid evaluation criteria based on freight rates obtained from Transchart before price bid opening.

(c) to (e) the contract was evaluated as per the bid evaluation criteria which was known to all the bidders in advance and therefore the question of any additional burden or lack of transparency does not arise.

[Translation]

Diesel/Petrol Pumps

2963. SHRI RAJABHAU THAKRE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) The total number of Diesel/Petrol Pumps running in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Government are contemplating to set up new Petrol/Diesel Pumps in the State;

(c) if so, the time by which the new Petrol/Diesel Pumps are likely to be set up; and

(d) the criteria adopted for allotment of Petrol/Diesel Pumps ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) As on 1.4.1997, 1638 retail outlets were in operation in Maharashtra.

(b) and (c) In addition to the locations pending from previous Marketing Plans, 34 new retail outlet dealerships have been included in the draft RO Marketing Plan 1996-98 for Maharashtra. It generally takes about 6-12 months to commission the dealership after issue of Letter of Intent.

(d) For allotment of retail outlet dealerships, candidates have to meet the eligibility criteria relating to nationality, age, educational qualification, income residence and multiple dealership norms.

[English]

Tariffs for Domestic Hotel Industry

2964. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the leading tour operators and travel agents have presented a petition to the Government seeking initiation of administration tariffs for the domestic hotel industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, tour operators and travel agents associations have made representations for the abolition of dual tariffs being charged by some of the hotels. The Government is seized of the issue and have taken up the same with the concerned authorities.

FDI in Private Sector

2965. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Panel set up to woo FDI in transport sector" appearing in the Financial Express dated July 15, 1997;

(b) if so, the details regarding terms of reference of the committee and its composition and task assigned and the likely period for submission of report to the Government; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c) Ministry has not constituted any such Committee.

Performance of Navodaya Vidyalayas

2966. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any attempt at formally assessing the functioning of the scheme of Navodaya Vidyalaya since its inception;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

- (c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.

(c) It has been proposed in the Programme of Action, 1992 on National Policy of Education, 1986, that a comprehensive review of the Scheme of Navodaya Vidyalaya will be required after Navodaya Vidyalayas have been established and consolidated in all districts of the country. The process of establishing and consolidating Vidyalayas is going on.

[Translation]

Maintenance of Historical Buildings

2967. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for the maintenance of historical buildings by the Archaeology department in Mandla district of Madhya Pradesh;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and

- (c) the details of funds earmarked for it ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMALI) : (a) to (c) The provision by the Archaeological Survey of India for the regular upkeep, maintenance and conservation of Centrally protected monuments in Mandla District of Madhya Pradesh for the year 1997-98 is as follows :-

1.	(a) Begam Mahal	Rs. 60,000/-
	(b) Dal-Badal Mahal	
	Chougan Roytwari	
2.	Siva Temple, Khardeori	Rs. 5,000/-
3.	Ram Mukteswara Temple, Kukarmath	Rs. 5,000/-
4.	Shahburj, Mandla	Rs. 5,000/-

[English]

Shallow Tubewell Project

2968. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV :
SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Shallow Tubewell Project sent by Bihar Government is pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details of the project and since when it is pending; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (c) (i) A project report on Shallow Tubewells for irrigation in Tal areas of Bihar was received by Ministry of Agriculture in the last week of March, 1997 from Government of Bihar. The project proposal was for constructing 25850 Shallow Tubewells at an estimated cost of Rs. 22.23 crores. It has been intimated to Minor Irrigation Department, Government of Bihar, on 1st May, 1997 that a proposal to implement a scheme of on-Farm Water Management for increasing crop production in Eastern India is under consideration in the Union Ministry of Agriculture. The scheme will be covering the Tal area of Bihar also for providing minor irrigation facilities in the form of community irrigation wells. The scheme is yet to be approved.

(ii) Further, another project report for installation of shallow tubewells/wells at estimated cost of Rs. 7048.26 crore was received from Government of Bihar in Sept., 92. The Project report was examined and observations of Ministry of Water Resources were sent to the Government of Bihar for compliance.

Unrecognised Institutions

2969. SHRI SURESH R. JADHAV : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to save the innocent students from open plundering, the Government propose to issue guidelines for the plethora of unrecognised institutions conducting various unrecognised vocational courses to mention clearly in the advertisement/prospectus that the courses offered by them are not recognised;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and

- (c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) Ministry of Labour has issued instructions to States/UTs that a directory of Industrial Training Institute (ITI)/Industrial Training Centres (ITCs) having complete details of trades/units affiliated to National Council of Vocational Training